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Fifth Annual Swamp Fest: Saturday October 6, 2007

The fifth annual Congaree Swamp Fest will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007. As proud members of the Lower Richland Heritage Corridor, three main sites will host this year's events. Swamp Fest activities will take place all day at Congaree National Park, Mount Moriah Baptist Church, and at Kensington Mansion. Shuttle buses will carry visitors from site to site, and provide scheduled tours of heritage sites in the Lower Richland area. Activities run throughout the day, and offer a great opportunity to showcase our area's rich cultural heritage.

No matter the age or interest, there are activities for everyone! Bring your family and friends, and enjoy a day out in Richland County. Activities at this year's Swamp Fest include:

Congaree National Park	Mount Moriah Church	Kensington Mansion
Congaree Morning Walkathon	Opening Ceremonies at 10am	Guided tours all day
Storytelling with Mrs. Middleton	Yellow ribbon ceremony for troops	Traditional music concert
Native American Dancing	Food vendors all day	Jazz concert
Guided walks on the hour	West African Drumming	BBQ vendors
Traditional tool demonstrations	Children's choirs	Lemonade
Kudzu vine basket weaving	Mime acts	"Best Pound Cake" contest
Owl-calling contests	Step Teams	Exhibit on <i>My Life in the South</i>
Children's treasure hunts	Gospel singers and groups	
MLK Park Double Dutch Showcase	Comedians	
Exhibit on <i>Tales of the Congaree</i>	MLK Park Double Dutch Showcase Eau	
Art contest display	Claire Drumline Finale	
Hay rides all day	Hay rides all day	

The full schedule of events will be available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/cong

Swamp Fest flyers are also available at www.congareeswampfest.com

Swamp Fest is sponsored by the Southeast Rural Community Outreach Ministry and is a local heritage tourism event made possible by a grant from the Richland County Hospitality Tax Fund.

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